

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs and under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable by U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0132876 A1 (Pan).

Amendment to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to remove the objection. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Amendment

Applicant has amended claim 2 to remove the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Particularly, claim 2 defines "wrapping the grip rubber", which the Action admits is enabled by the present specification. Also, the preamble of claim 2 now defines, "a method for wrapping a grip rubber on an exercise device." It is believed that the amended claim specifically sets forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112. So, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs.

With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103, attached is the petition under 37 CFR §1.78(a) for the unintentionally delayed assertion of priority and a postcard receipt of its arrival at the Patent Office with Applicant's last reply of April 12, 2006 (which is incorporated by reference in this reply). Consequently, the present application has a priority of at least March 19, 2001, disqualifying Pan as a reference with respect to its portions relevant to the present claim. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection should be withdrawn.

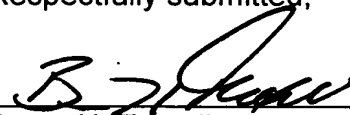
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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